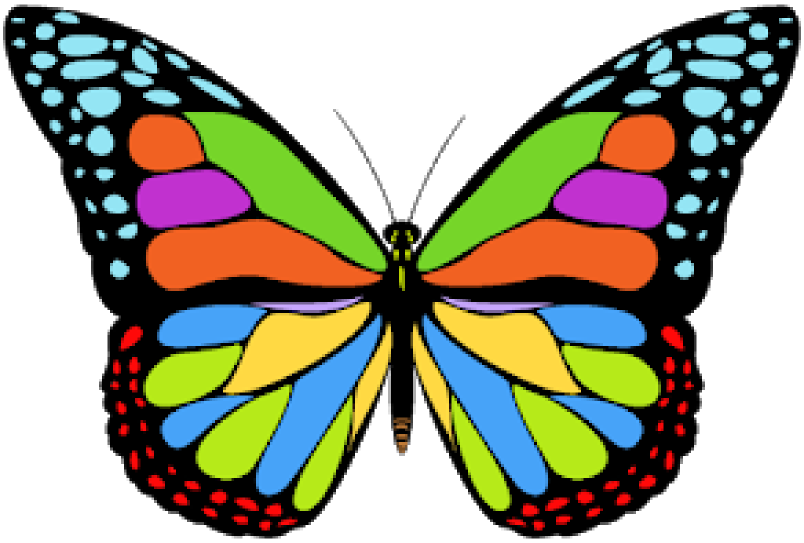
Collection of Famous English and Arabic Proverbs

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First Group

المجموعة الأولى

What is a proverb?

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A proverb is a short, pithy saying that expresses a traditionally held truth or piece of advice, based on common sense or experience.

Nothing defines a culture as distinctly as its language, and the element of language that best encapsulates a society's values and beliefs is its proverbs. As so many proverbs offer advice and uplift many of them are religious in origin. Here's an additional list of biblical proverbs.

Here's a list of most of the commonly-used proverbs in the English language

A bad penny always turns up

A barking dog never bites

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush

A cat may look at a king

A chain is only as strong as its weakest link

A change is as good as a rest

A dog is a man's best friend

A drowning man will clutch at a straw

A fish always rots from the head down

A fool and his money are soon parted

A friend in need is a friend indeed

A golden key can open any door

A good beginning makes a good ending

A good man is hard to find

A house divided against itself cannot stand

A person is known by the company he keeps

A house is not a home

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step

A leopard cannot change its spots

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing

A little learning is a dangerous thing

A little of what you fancy does you good

A man is known by his friends

A man who is his own lawyer has a fool for his client

A miss is as good as a mile

A new broom sweeps clean

A nod's as good as a wink to a blind horse

A penny saved is a penny earned

A picture paints a thousand words

A place for everything and everything in its place

A poor workman always blames his tools

A person is known by the company he keeps

A problem shared is a problem halved

A prophet is not recognized in his own land

A rising tide lifts all boats

A rolling stone gathers no moss

A soft answer turned away wrath

A stitch in time saves nine

A swarm in May is worth a load of hay; a swarm in June is worth a silver spoon; but a swarm in July is not worth a fly

A thing of beauty is a joy forever

A trouble shared is a trouble halved

A volunteer is worth twenty pressed men

A watched pot never boils

A woman is only a woman, but a good cigar is a smoke

A woman's place is in the home

A woman's work is never done

A word to the wise is enough

Absence makes the heart grow fonder

Absolute power corrupts absolutely

Accidents will happen (in the best-regulated families).

Actions speak louder than words

Adversity makes strange bedfellows

After a storm comes a calm

All good things come to he who waits

All good things must come to an end

All is grist that comes to the mill

All publicity is good publicity

All roads lead to Rome

All that glisters is not gold

All that glitters is not gold

All the world loves a lover

All things come to those who wait

All things must pass

All work and no play make Jack a dull boy

All you need is love

All's fair in love and war

All's for the best in the best of all possible worlds

All's well that ends well

A miss is as good as a mile

An apple a day keeps the doctor away

An army marches on its stomach

An Englishman's home is his castle

An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure

Another day, another dollar

Any port in a storm

Appearances can be deceptive

April is the cruelest month

April showers bring forth May flowers

As thick as thieves

As you make your bed, so you must lie upon it

As you sow so shall you reap

Ashes to ashes dust to dust

Ask a silly question and you'll get a silly answer

Ask no questions and hear no lies

Attack is the best form of defense

Bad money drives out good

Bad news travels fast

Barking dogs seldom bite

Be careful what you wish for

Beat swords into ploughshares

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder

Beauty is only skin deep

Beggars should not be choosers

Behind every great man there's a great woman

Better late than never

Better safe than sorry

Better the Devil you know than the Devil you don't

Better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all

Better to light a candle than to curse the darkness

Better to remain silent and be thought a fool that to speak and remove all doubt

Beware of Greeks bearing gifts

Beware the Ides of March

Big fish eat little fish

Birds of a feather flock together

Blessed are the peacemakers

Blood is thicker than water

Blue are the hills that are far away

Boys will be boys

Brevity is the soul of wit

Business before pleasure

Caesar's wife must be above suspicion

Carpe diem (Pluck the day; Seize the day)

Charity begins at home

Charity covers a multitude of sins

Cheaters never win and winners never cheat

Cheats never prosper

Children and fools tell the truth

Children should be seen and not heard

Christmas comes but once a year

Cleanliness is next to godliness

Clothes makes the man

Cold hands, warm heart

Comparisons are odious

Count your blessings

Cowards may die many times before their death

Crime doesn't pay

Cut your coat to suit your cloth

Dead men tell no tales

Devil take the hindmost

Discretion is the better part of valour

Distance lends enchantment to the view

Do as I say, not as I do

Do as you would be done by

Do unto others as you would have them do to you

Don't bite the hand that feeds you

Don't burn your bridges behind you

Don't cast your pearls before swine

Don't change horses in midstream

Don't count your chickens before they are hatched

Don't cross the bridge till you come to it

Don't cut off your nose to spite your face

Don't get mad, get even

Don't keep a dog and bark yourself

Don't leave your manners on the doorstep

Don't let the bastards grind you down

Don't let the cat out of the bag

Don't let the grass grow under your feet

Don't meet troubles half-way

Don't mix business with pleasure

Don't put all your eggs in one basket

Don't put the cart before the horse

Don't put new wine into old bottles

Don't rock the boat

Don't shoot the messenger

Don't spoil the ship for a ha'porth of tar

Don't sweat the small stuff

Don't throw pearls to swine

Don't teach your Grandma to suck eggs

Don't throw the baby out with the bathwater

Don't trust anyone over thirty

Don't try to run before you can walk

Don't try to walk before you can crawl

Don't upset the apple-cart

Don't wash your dirty linen in public

Doubt is the beginning not the end of wisdom

Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise

East is east, and west is west

East, west, home's best

Easy come, easy go

Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die

Empty vessels make the most noise

Enough is as good as a feast

Enough is enough

Even a worm will turn

Every cloud has a silver lining

Every dog has its day

Every little helps

Every man for himself, and the Devil take the hindmost

Every man has his price

Every picture tells a story

Every stick has two ends

Everyone wants to go to heaven but nobody wants to die

Everything comes to him who waits

Failing to plan is planning to fail

Faint heart never won fair lady

Fair exchange is no robbery

Faith will move mountains

Familiarity breeds contempt

Feed a cold and starve a fever

Fight fire with fire

Fight the good fight

Finders keepers, losers' weepers

Fine words butter no parsnips

First come, first served

First impressions are the most lasting

First things first

Fish always stink from the head down

Fish and guests smell after three days

Flattery will get you nowhere

Fools rush in where angels fear to tread

For everything there is a season

For want of a nail the shoe was lost; for want of a shoe the horse was lost; and for want of a horse the man was lost

Forewarned is forearmed

Forgive and forget

Fortune favours the brave

From the sublime to the ridiculous is only one step

Genius is an infinite capacity for taking pains

Genius is one percent inspiration, ninety-nine percent perspiration

Give a man a fish and you will feed him for a day...

Give a dog a bad name and hang him

Give a man enough rope and he will hang himself

Give credit where credit is due

Give the Devil his due

Go the extra mile

God helps those who help themselves

Good fences make good neighbours

Good talk saves the food

Good things come in small packages

Good things come to those who wait

Great minds think alike

Half a loaf is better than no bread

Handsome is as handsome does

Hard cases make bad law

Hard work never did anyone any harm

Haste makes waste

He that goes a-borrowing, goes a-sorrowing

He who can does, he who cannot, teaches

He who fights and runs away, may live to fight another day

He who hesitates is lost

He who laughs last laughs longest

He who lives by the sword shall die by the sword

He who pays the piper calls the tune

He who sups with the Devil should have a long spoon

Hell, hath no fury like a woman scorned

Hindsight is always twenty-twenty

History repeats itself

Home is where the heart is

Honesty is the best policy

Hope springs eternal

Horses for courses

If anything can go wrong, it will

If a job is worth doing it is worth doing well

If at first you don't succeed try, try and try again

If God had meant us to fly he'd have given us wings

If ifs and ands were pots and pans there'd be no work for tinkers

If it isn't broke, don't fix it

If life deals you lemons, make lemonade

If the cap fits, wear it

If the mountain won't come to Mohammed, then Mohammed must go to the mountain

If the shoe fits, wear it

If wishes were horses, beggars would ride

If you build it they will come

If you can't be good, be careful

If you can't beat them, join them

If you can't stand the heat get out of the kitchen

If you lie down with dogs, you will get up with fleas

If you pay peanuts, you get monkeys

If you want a thing done well, do it yourself

Ignorance is bliss

Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery

In for a penny, in for a pound

In the kingdom of the blind the one-eyed man is king

In the midst of life, we are in death

Into every life a little rain must fall

It isn't over till the fat lady sings

It goes without saying

It is best to be on the safe side

It is better to give than to receive

It is easy to be wise after the event

It never rains but it pours

It takes a thief to catch a thief

It takes all sorts to make a world

It takes one to know one

It takes two to tango

It's all grist to the mill

It's an ill wind that blows no one any good

It's better to give than to receive

It's better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all

It's better to light a candle than curse the darkness

It's better to travel hopefully than to arrive

It's never too late

It's no use crying over spilt milk

It's no use locking the stable door after the horse has bolted

It's the early bird that catches the worm

It's the empty can that makes the most noise

It's the singer not the song

It's the squeaky wheel that gets the grease

Jack of all trades, master of none

Judge not, that ye be not judged

Keep your chin up

Keep your friends close and your enemies closer

Keep your powder dry

Laugh and the world laughs with you, weep and you weep alone

Laughter is the best medicine

Least said, soonest mended

Less is more

Let bygones be bygones

Let not the sun go down on your wrath

Let sleeping dogs lie

Let the buyer beware

Let the dead bury the dead

Let the punishment fit the crime

Let well alone

Life begins at forty

Life is just a bowl of cherries

Life is what you make it

Life's not all beer and skittles

Lightning never strikes twice in the same place

Like father, like son

Little pitchers have big ears

Little strokes fell great oaks

Little things please little minds

Live and learn

Live for today for tomorrow never comes

Look before you leap

Love of money is the root of all evil

Love is blind

Love makes the world go around

Love thy neighbour as thyself

Love will find a way

Make hay while the sun shines

Make love not war

Man does not live by bread alone

Manners makes man

Many a little makes a mickle

Many a mickle makes a muckle

Many a true word is spoken in jest

Many are called but few are chosen

Many hands make light work

March comes in like a lion, and goes out like a lamb

March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers

Marriages are made in heaven

Marry in haste, repent at leisure

Might is right

Mighty oaks from little acorns grow

Misery loves company

Moderation in all things

Monday's child is fair of face,

Tuesday's child is full of grace,

Wednesday's child is full of woe,

Thursday's child has far to go,

Friday's child is loving and giving,

Saturday's child works hard for its living,

And a child that's born on the Sabbath day

Is fair and wise and good and gay.

Money doesn't grow on trees

Money is the root of all evil

Money isn't everything

Money makes the world go around

Money talks

More haste, less speed

Music has charms to soothe the savage breast

Nature abhors a vacuum

Necessity is the mother of invention

Needs must when the devil drives

Ne'er cast a clout till May be out

Never give a sucker an even break

Never go to bed on an argument

Never judge a book by its cover

Never let the sun go down on your anger

Never look a gift horse in the mouth

Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today

Never speak ill of the dead

Never tell tales out of school

Nine tailors make a man

No man can serve two masters

No man is an island

No names, no pack-drill

No news is good news

No one can make you feel inferior without your consent

No pain, no gain

No rest for the wicked

Nothing new under the sun

Nothing is certain but death and taxes

Nothing succeeds like success

Nothing ventured, nothing gained

Oil and water don't mix

Old soldiers never die, they just fade away

Once a thief, always a thief

Once bitten, twice shy

One good turn deserves another

One half of the world does not know how the other half lives

One hand washes the other

One man's meat is another man's poison

One might as well be hanged for a sheep as a lamb

One law for the rich and another for the poor

One swallow does not make a summer

One volunteer is worth ten pressed men

One year's seeding makes seven years weeding

Only fools and horses work

Opportunity never knocks twice at any man's door

Opposites attract

Out of sight, out of mind

Parsley seed goes nine times to the Devil

Patience is a virtue

Pearls of wisdom

Penny wise and pound foolish

People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones

Physician, heal thyself

Possession is nine points of the law

Power corrupts; absolute power corrupts absolutely

Practice makes perfect

Practice what you preach

Prevention is better than cure

Pride goes before a fall

Procrastination is the thief of time

Put your best foot forward

Rain before seven, fine before eleven

Red sky at night shepherd's delight; red sky in the morning, shepherd's warning

Revenge is a dish best served cold

Revenge is sweet

Rob Peter to pay Paul

Rome wasn't built in a day

See a pin and pick it up, all the day you'll have good luck; see a pin and let it lie, bad luck you'll have all day

See no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil

Seeing is believing

Seek and ye shall find

Set a thief to catch a thief

Share and share alike

Shrouds have no pockets

Silence is golden

Slow but sure

Softly, softly, catches monkey

Spare the rod and spoil the child

Speak as you find

Speak softly and carry a big stick

Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me

Still waters run deep

Strike while the iron is hot

Stupid is as stupid does

Success has many fathers, while failure is an orphan

Take care of the pence and the pounds will take care of themselves

Talk is cheap

Talk of the Devil, and he is bound to appear

Tell the truth and shame the Devil

That which does not kill us makes us stronger

The age of miracles is past

The apple never falls far from the tree

The best defense is a good offence

The best is the enemy of the good

The best-laid schemes of mice and men gang aft agley

The best things in life are free

The bigger, the better

The bigger they are, the harder they fall

The bottom line is the bottom line

The boy is father to the man

The bread always falls buttered side down

The child is the father of the man

The cobbler always wears the worst shoes

The course of true love never did run smooth

The customer is always right

The darkest hour is just before the dawn

The Devil finds work for idle hands to do

The Devil is in the details

The Devil looks after his own

The early bird catches the worm

The end justifies the means

The exception which proves the rule

The female of the species is deadlier than the male

The fruit does not fall far from the tree

The good die young

The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence

The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world

The husband is always the last to know

The labourer is worthy of his hire

The law is an ass

The leopard does not change his spots

The longest journey starts with a single step

The more the merrier

The more things change, the more they stay the same

The only good Indian is a dead Indian

The opera isn't over till the fat lady sings

The pen is mightier than sword

The price of liberty is eternal vigilance

The proof of the pudding is in the eating

The road to hell is paved with good intentions

The shoemaker's son always goes barefoot

The squeaking wheel gets the grease

The truth will out

The wages of sin is death

The way to a man's heart is through his stomach

The whole is greater than the sum of the parts

There are more ways of killing a cat than choking it with cream

There are none so blind as those, that will not see

There are two sides to every question

There but for the grace of God, go I

There's a time and a place for everything

There's an exception to every rule

There's always more fish in the sea

There's honor among thieves

There's many a good tune played on an old fiddle

There's many a slip 'twixt cup and lip

There's more than one way to skin a cat

There's no accounting for tastes

There's no fool like an old fool

There's no place like home

There's no smoke without fire

There's no such thing as a free lunch

There's no such thing as bad publicity

There's no time like the present

There's none so blind as those who will not see

There's none so deaf as those who will not hear

There's nowt so queer as folk

There's one born every minute

There's safety in numbers

They that sow the wind, shall reap the whirlwind

Third time lucky

Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it

Those who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones

Those who sleep with dogs will rise with fleas

Thou shalt not kill

Time and tide wait for no man

Time flies

Time is a great healer

Time is money

Time will tell

'tis better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all

To err is human; to forgive divine

To everything there is a season

To the victor go the spoils

To travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive

Tomorrow is another day

Tomorrow never comes

Too many cooks spoil the broth

Truth is stranger than fiction

Truth will out

Two blacks don't make a white

Two heads are better than one

Two is company, but three's a crowd

Two wrongs don't make a right

Variety is the spice of life

Virtue is its own reward

Walls have ears

Walnuts and pears, you plant for your heirs

Waste not want not

What can't be cured must be endured

What goes up must come down

What you lose on the swings you gain on the roundabouts

What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander

When in Rome, do as the Romans do

When the cat's away the mice will play

When the going gets tough, the tough get going

When the oak is before the ash, then you will only get a splash; when the ash is before the oak, then you may expect a soak

What the eye doesn't see, the heart doesn't grieve over

Where there's a will there's a way

Where there's muck there's brass

While there's life there's hope

Whom the Gods love die young

Why keep a dog and bark yourself?

Women and children first

Wonders will never cease

Work expands so as to fill the time available

Worrying never did anyone any good

You are never too old to learn

You are what you eat

You can choose your friends but you can't choose your family

You can have too much of a good thing

You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink

You can't have your cake and eat it

You can't get blood out of a stone

You can't get blood out of a turnip

You can't make a silk purse from a sow's ear

You can't make an omelet without breaking eggs

You can't make bricks without straw

You can't run with the hare and hunt with the hounds

You can't take it with you [when you die]

You can't teach an old dog new tricks

You can't judge a book by its cover

You can't win them all

You catch more flies with honey than with vinegar

You pay your money and you takes your choice

You reap what you sow

You win some, you lose some

Youth is wasted on the young

50 Common Proverbs in English

This is a list of popular English proverbs. Proverbs are also known as sayings. Proverbs give some form of life advice. Every language and culture has them, and many proverbs exist in more than one language. It is important not to miss any of the words in most proverbs because the meaning can be lost if even one word is changed or left out. This list of English proverbs includes definitions and examples, and is meant to improve English vocabulary and English cultural knowledge.

Second Group

المجموعة الثانية

PROVERB	**Absence makes the heart grow fonder**
MEANING	Being away from someone or something for a period of time makes you appreciate that person or thing more when you see them or it again
EXAMPLE	“I used to hate going to my aunt’s house, but now I kind of miss it. Absence makes the heart grow fonder.”
PROVERB	**Actions speak louder than words.**
MEANING	What you do is more important than what you say
EXAMPLE	“Don’t just tell me you’re going to change. Do it! Actions speak louder than words.”
PROVERB	**A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step**
MEANING	You must begin something if you hope to finish it; something that takes a long time to finish begins with one step
EXAMPLE	“If you want to lose weight, you need to stop eating junk, and you need to start exercising. Today. Not tomorrow. A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.”
PROVERB	**All good things must come to an end**
MEANING	Everything ends; good times don’t last forever
EXAMPLE	“I wish this vacation would go on forever. It’s too bad that all good things must come to an end.”
PROVERB	**A picture is worth a thousand words**
MEANING	An image can tell a story better than words
EXAMPLE	“I wasn’t sure that he loved her, but then I saw them hugging at the airport. A picture is worth a thousand words.”

PROVERB	**A watched pot never boils**
MEANING	If something takes time to do, it doesn't help to constantly check on it. You just have to give it time.
EXAMPLE	"I know you think he's going to be a great guitar player one day, but stop criticizing him so much. He just started taking lessons two weeks ago! A watched pot never boils."
PROVERB	**Beggars can't be choosers**
MEANING	If you're in a bad situation and someone offers to help you, you have to take whatever they give you and shouldn't ask for more
EXAMPLE	"I was unemployed, and they offered me a job cleaning prison toilet. I didn't like the job, but I accepted it. Beggars can't be choosers."
PROVERB	**Beauty is in the eye of the beholder**
MEANING	What is "beautiful" is different for each person
EXAMPLE	"I think their house is ugly, but they seem to like it. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder."
PROVERB	**Better late than never**
MEANING	It's better to finish something late than to never do it at all
EXAMPLE	"Hello, Mr. Jameson. Here is my final essay. Better late than never, right?"
PROVERB	**Birds of a feather flock together**
MEANING	People who are similar spend time together
EXAMPLE	"I think we all started hanging out because we all liked anime. Birds of a feather flock together."
PROVERB	**Cleanliness is next to godliness**
MEANING	It's good to be clean. God is clean, and you should be too.
EXAMPLE	"Go take a shower before your date. You know what they

say; cleanliness is next to godliness."

PROVERB **Don't bite the hand that feeds you**

MEANING Don't make someone angry or hurt someone who is helping you or paying for you

EXAMPLE "You had a fight with your boss? Are you stupid? Don't bite the hand that feeds you."

PROVERB **Don't count your chickens before they hatch.**

MEANING Don't expect a positive result before you actually see it

EXAMPLE A: "This idea is going to make me millions of dollars!"
B: "Whoa. Let's slow down. Don't count your chickens before they hatch."

PROVERB **Don't judge a book by its cover**

MEANING Don't judge someone or something by appearance alone

EXAMPLE "Racism is still a problem today, and it will continue to be that way until we learn not to judge a book by its cover."

PROVERB **Don't put all of your eggs in one basket**

MEANING Don't put all of your hopes and resources into one goal or dream

EXAMPLE "I know you really want to be an actor, but don't you think you're being financially irresponsible? Don't put all of your eggs in one basket."

PROVERB **Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today**

MEANING If you can do something today, do it. Don't wait until tomorrow; don't procrastinate.

EXAMPLE "You have 6 hours of free time now. You should start on that final psychology assignment. Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today."

PROVERB **Don't put too many irons in the fire**

MEANING	Don’t try to do too many things at the same time; focus on one thing at a time
EXAMPLE	“No wonder you’re exhausted. You’re trying to work 4 jobs at the same time! You have too many irons in the fire right now.”
PROVERB	**Easy come, easy go**
MEANING	When you make money quickly, it’s very easy to lose it quickly as well
EXAMPLE	“I won $200 at the casino, and then I spent it on a very expensive meal for me and some friends. Easy come, easy go.”
PROVERB	**Fortune favors the bold**
MEANING	People who are brave and who take risks are more successful than people who are do things safely all the time
EXAMPLE	“It’s a risk, but the reward could be great. I say you go for it. Fortune favors the bold.”
PROVERB	**God helps those who help themselves**
MEANING	Don’t just wait for good things to happen to you. Work hard to make them happen
EXAMPLE	“If you want a better life, you can’t just sit on your butt thinking about it. You have to work to make it happen. God helps those who help themselves.”
PROVERB	**Good things come to those who wait**
MEANING	If you are patient, good things can happen
EXAMPLE	“I know you’re hungry, but stop being so impatient. We just ordered our food. Good things come to those who wait.”
PROVERB	**Honesty is the best policy**
MEANING	It’s always better to tell the truth than it is to lie

EXAMPLE	"If you want people to trust you, you need to be honest with them. Honesty is the best policy."
PROVERB	**Hope for the best, prepare for the worst**
MEANING	In any situation, be optimistic about the result, but always be ready for the worst outcome
EXAMPLE	"We're going on vacation next week. It's supposed to rain a lot, so we're bringing our umbrellas and a bunch of board games. Hope for the best, prepare for the worst."
PROVERB	**If it** ain't **broke, don't fix it**
MEANING	If something is already working well, don't try to change it or improve it
EXAMPLE	"Why are you trying to upgrade your PC again? It was working fine before. If it ain't broke, don't fix it."
PROVERB	**If you can't beat 'em, join 'em**
MEANING	If you can't change someone's behavior or opinion, sometimes it's better or easier to do what they want to do
EXAMPLE	"I told Mark that we needed to study, but he kept playing video games. Eventually I gave up and just played video games too. If you can't beat 'em, join 'em."
PROVERB	**If you play with fire, you'll get burned**
MEANING	If you get involved in something dangerous or beyond your abilities, you will probably experience negative consequences
EXAMPLE	"Don't make him angry. If you play with fire, you'll get burned."
PROVERB	**If you want something done right, you have to do it yourself**
MEANING	Don't depend on someone else to do a good job; do it

yourself

EXAMPLE "I asked my roommate to wash the dishes, but they ended up super filthy! I guess it's true what they say: if you want something done right, you have to do it yourself."

PROVERB **Keep your friends close, and your enemies closer**

MEANING If someone is your enemy, treat them like a friend so you can be ready if they ever try to betray you

EXAMPLE "We don't trust each other, but we have to be nice to each other because we work for the same company. I'm worried about him stealing my promotion, so I'm going to keep being nice to him. Keep your friends close, but your enemies closer, and all that."

PROVERB **Knowledge is power**

MEANING The more you know, the more powerful you can be in different areas of your life

EXAMPLE "When we were kids, our parents taught us how to swim. That knowledge helped me to save my cousin's life when he was 5 years old. Knowledge is power."

PROVERB **Laughter is the best medicine.**

MEANING When you're in a difficult situation, laughing can make it easier to get through that situation

EXAMPLE "I'm sorry to hear about your dog. Want to watch a funny movie? Sometimes, laughter is the best medicine."

PROVERB **Like father, like son**

MEANING Said when a son is similar to his father; also, "Like mother, like daughter"

EXAMPLE "Ryan started playing hockey at a very young age. He's just like his dad. Like father, like son."

PROVERB	**No man is an island**
MEANING	No one is truly capable of living alone. We need human connection to be healthy
EXAMPLE	“You can’t just abandon your friends and family. No man is an island.”
PROVERB	**People who live in glass houses should not throw stones**
MEANING	Don’t criticize someone if you’re not perfect either; don’t be a hypocrite
EXAMPLE	“Why are you always bothering her about being addicted to her phone? You’ve been smoking for 20 years and haven’t been able to give it up. People who live in glass houses should not throw stones.”
PROVERB	**Practice makes perfect**
MEANING	The more you do something, the better you will become at it
EXAMPLE	“Don’t give up on learning the violin. Practice makes perfect.”
PROVERB	**The early bird gets the worm**
MEANING	People who wake up early or who get to places early have a better chance of success
EXAMPLE	“I got to the ticket office before anyone else. I got front row seats to the show! The early bird gets the worm.”
PROVERB	**The enemy of my enemy is my friend**
MEANING	If someone whom I don’t like doesn’t like someone else whom I don’t like, we can act like friends and unite against the other person (common in war)
EXAMPLE	“I don’t like you, you don’t like me. But I think we can agree that we both HATE Daniel. Let’s work together and get him fired! The enemy of my enemy is my friend, right?”

PROVERB	**The grass is always greener on the other side**
MEANING	People always want what they don’t have
EXAMPLE	A: “I’m jealous of all the free time my single friends have.” B: “Yeah, but your friends are probably jealous of you too in some ways. The grass is always greener on the other side.”
PROVERB	**The pen is mightier than the sword**
MEANING	If you’re trying to convince someone of something, words and ideas are stronger than using physical force (common in politics)
EXAMPLE	“We must avoid this war and use diplomacy to solve our problems. The pen is mightier than the sword.”
PROVERB	**There is no place like home**
MEANING	Your home is the most comfortable place in the world
EXAMPLE	“What a tiring vacation! I’m glad to be back in my own bed again. There’s no place like home.”
PROVERB	**There is no such thing as a free lunch.**
MEANING	Nothing is free. Even the things that are free have a hidden cost
EXAMPLE	“His bank gave him $50 for free, but he had to commit to opening a credit card account. There’s no such thing as a free lunch.”
PROVERB	**There is no time like the present**
MEANING	Don’t wait to do something. Do it now.
EXAMPLE	“Why don’t you stop talking about needing to call your mom? Just CALL her! There is no time like the present.”
PROVERB	**The squeaky wheel gets the grease**
MEANING	The person who complains in a situation is more likely to

	get something.
EXAMPLE	A: “I just don’t understand why she’s received so many promotions, and I’m still at the bottom of the company!” B: “She complains a lot. The squeaky wheel gets the grease.”
PROVERB	**Time is money**
MEANING	Don’t waste your time or other people’s time; also, if you can use your time to make money in some way, you should do that.
EXAMPLE	“Hurry up! Time is money!”
PROVERB	**Two heads are better than one**
MEANING	It’s easier to do something as a team than by yourself
EXAMPLE	“I’m stuck on this project. Can you help me out? Two heads are better than one.”
PROVERB	**Two wrongs don’t make a right**
MEANING	Trying to get revenge on someone who has hurt you will only make things worse
EXAMPLE	“I know she made you angry, but did you have to steal her phone? Two wrongs don’t make a right.”
PROVERB	**When in Rome, do as the Romans do**
MEANING	When you are in a new place or situation, try to act like the majority of people in that place or situation.
EXAMPLE	A: “You’ve been eating a lot of bread and cheese on this Paris vacation.” B: “Hey, when in Rome.”
PROVERB	**When the going gets tough, the tough get going**
MEANING	When a situation becomes difficult, strong people don’t give up; they work harder

EXAMPLE	“My great grandfather survived the Great Depression. You know the phrase, ‘when the going gets tough, the tough get going?’ That was my great grandfather.”
PROVERB	**Where there’s smoke, there’s fire**
MEANING	If something seems wrong, it probably is; also, there is usually some truth to a rumor
EXAMPLE	“Matilda came to school with a black eye today. She cried when I asked her about it after class and didn’t want to say anything about her parents. I don’t want to speculate too much, but where there’s smoke, there’s usually fire.”
PROVERB	**You can lead a horse to water, but you can’t make him drink it**
MEANING	You can try to help someone by giving good advice, but you can’t force them to accept it or follow it
EXAMPLE	“She tried to help her brother find a job by improving his resume, but he didn’t do anything with it. I guess you can lead a horse to water, but you can’t make him drink it.”
PROVERB	**You can’t always get what you want**
MEANING	Don’t complain if you don’t get what you want
EXAMPLE	A: I really wanted to see that movie, but I didn’t have enough money last week B: It happens. You can’t always get what you want, right?

Third Group

المجموعة الثالثة

Short Funny Sayings to get yourself out of those sticky situations!

أمثال قصيرة مضحكة

1. I am on a seafood diet. I see food, and I eat it.
2. Alcohol! Because no great story started with someone eating a salad.
3. I don't need a hair stylist; my pillow gives me a new hairstyle every morning.
4. Don't worry if plan A fails, there are 25 more letters in the alphabet.
5. If I'm not back in five minutes, just wait longer...
6. A bank is a place that will lend you money, if you can prove that you don't need it.
7. A balanced diet means a cupcake in each hand.
8. Doing nothing is hard, you never know when you're done.
9. If you're not supposed to eat at night, why is there a light bulb in the refrigerator?
10. Don't drink while driving – you might spill the beer.
11. I think the worst time to have a heart attack is during a game of charades.
12. I refuse to answer that question on the grounds that I don't know the answer.
13. Alcohol doesn't solve any problem, but neither does milk.

14. My wallet is like an onion. When I open it, it makes me cry...?
15. Doesn't expecting the unexpected make the unexpected expected?
16. I'm not clumsy, the floor just hates me, the table and chairs are bullies and the walls get in my way.
17. Life is short, smile while you still have teeth.
18. The only reason I'm fat is because a tiny body couldn't store all this personality.
19. I'm jealous of my parents, I'll never have a kid as cool as them.
20. I'm not lazy, I'm just very relaxed.
21. Always remember you're unique, just like everyone else.
22. You're born free, then you're taxed to death.
23. The best part of going to work is coming back home at the end of the day.
24. A cookie a day keeps the sadness away. An entire jar of cookies a day brings it back.
25. A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend. A successful woman is one who can find such a man.
26. I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So, I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.
27. Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.

28. If you think nobody cares if you’re alive, try missing a couple of bank payments.

29. Money can’t buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.

30. If you do a job too well, you’ll get stuck with it.

31. Quantity is what you count, quality is what you count on.

32. The road to success is always under construction.

33. When you're right, no one remembers. When you're wrong, no one forgets.

34. If you can't see the bright side of life, polish the dull side.

35. If you can’t live without me, why aren’t you dead yet?

36. Don't tell me the sky is the limit when there are footprints on the moon.

37. I don’t suffer from insanity, I enjoy every minute of it.

38. I get enough exercise pushing my luck.

39. Sometimes I wake up grumpy; other times I let her sleep.

40. God created the world, everything else is made in China.

41. Birthdays are good for you. Statistics show that people who have the most live the longest.

42. When life gives you melons, you might be dyslexic.

43. Children in the back-seat cause accidents, accidents in the back-seat cause children!

44. I’d like to help you out today. Which way did you come in?

45. You never truly understand something until you can explain it to your grandmother.

46. Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.

47. You can't have everything, where would you put it?

48. Don't you wish they made a clap on clap off device for some people's mouths?

49. If your parents never had children, chances are you won't either.

50. If people are talking behind your back, then just fart.

Fourth Group

المجموعة الرابعة

Egyptian Arabic proverbs

أمثال عربية مصرية

التكرار يعلّم الحمار

Repetition teaches (even) a donkey. (Practice makes perfect.)

في الامتحان يكرم المرء أو يحان

At the time of a test, a person rises or falls. (People's real worth is known only through trial.)

يا واخد القرد على ماله يروح المال ويقعد القرد على حاله

If you marry a monkey (i.e. someone ugly) for his money, the money will go away and the monkey will stay the same (as ugly as ever). (Don't marry for money.)

الوحدة خير من جليس السوء

Being alone is better than being with someone bad. (Warning about keeping bad company.)

امشي في جنازة ولا تمشي في جوازة

Being involved in a funeral is better than trying to arrange marriages. (Warning about matchmaking.)

القرد في عين أمه غزال

In his mother’s eye, the monkey is (as beautiful as) a gazelle. (Comment about mothers' bias or partiality to their children.)

لا يلدغ المؤمن من جحر مرتين

The believer is not bitten from the same hole twice. (Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me.)

قليل البخت يلاقي العظم في الكرشة

The unlucky person finds bones in his tripe dinner. (You can't escape bad luck.)

قليل البخت يتكعبل في السديري

The unlucky person trips over [his own] waistcoat/vest.

الطيور على اشكالها تقع

Birds of a feather flock together.

اليد في الميّة مش زي اليد في النار

The hand in water isn't like the hand in fire. (Easier said than done; used to criticize someone removed from the situation at hand who is telling those involved how to deal with it.)

اللى على البرّ عوّام

The one on shore is a master swimmer.

اللى على راسه بطحة بيحصص عليها

Those who have an injury on their head keep checking it. (People who have a weakness show it.)

لبس البوصة، تبقى عروسة

Dressing up a stick turns it into a bride. (Clothes make the man.)

ابن الوزّ عوّام

The son of a goose is a swimmer. (Like father, like son.)

دوام الحال من المحال

Continuing the same state is impossible. (Nothing stays the same.)

اللى يشوف بلوة غيره تهون عليه بلوته

Seeing someone else’s problems makes your own problems seem smaller. (Considering others' problems will change your perspective.)

باب النجّار مخلع

The carpenter’s door is falling apart. (Used to criticize someone who tells other people how to do things but doesn’t apply his advice to himself.)

الشاطرة تغذل برجل الحمار

The clever one spins with a donkey’s leg (i.e. can make something out of nothing). (Used to criticize someone who blames their tools for their bad work.)

اللى ماعندوهوش مايلزمهوش

He who doesn't have (the money to pay for something) does not need it. (If you can't afford something, think twice about whether you really need it or not.)

بعد ما شاب ودوه الكتّاب

After his hair went white, he went to school. (You can't teach an old dog new tricks. Used to criticize someone old trying to do things more suited to young people.)

عريان الطوق بينط لفوق

Someone without (even) a collar tries to jump up (i.e. to a higher social class). (Used to criticize someone poor trying to reach up too high above his social status.)

الفاضي يعمل قاضي

Someone free plays the judge. (Used to criticize someone with too much free time interfering in other people’s business.)

احنا في الهوا سوا

We are in the same boat .

العروسة للعريس والجري للمتاعيس

The bride gets a bridegroom and the rest get miserable. (The bride and bridegroom are happy at a wedding, but the guests go home unhappily.)

اللى مكتوب عالجبين لازم تشوفه العين

What is written on the brow will inevitably be seen by the eye. (One will inevitably meet one's destiny.)

يا مآمن للرجال يا مآمن الميّة في الغربال

Trusting men is like trusting water in a sieve.

الحلو حلو لو قام من النوم، والوحش وحش لو غسل وشّه كل يوم

The beautiful is beautiful (even right after) rising from sleep, and the ugly is ugly (even) if they wash their face every day. (You can't hide beauty or make the ugly beautiful.)

يد واحدة ماتسقفش

One hand doesn't clap. (Cooperation from all sides is necessary to accomplish anything.)

تحت العمّة قرد

Under the sheikh's hat is a monkey. (Used to criticize someone who tries to appear good on the outside to cover up their faults, specifically if they try to appear pious.)

يا ما تحت السواهي دواهي

Underneath the nice exterior is a bunch of problems. (Used to criticize someone who tries to put up a good appearance to cover up their faults.)

على قد لحافك مد رجليك

Stretch your legs as far as your blanket extends. (Don't live beyond your means.)

اللي يتلسع من الشوربة ينفخ في الزبادي

He who burns his tongue from soup will blow in yogurt (to cool it). (Once burned, twice shy.)

انت تريد وهو يريد والله يفعل ما يريد

You want what you want and he wants what he wants, but God does what He wants. (Man proposes, God disposes.)

عريان الطيز يحب تأميز

Someone with their ass exposed likes to criticize. (Used in reference to hypocrites). Note the crude language in this saying, so be careful who you say it around.

أقول تور، يقول احلبوه

I say it's a bull, he says milk it. (Used when you're talking at cross-purposes with someone who won't see reason.)

العين ماتعلاش عالحاجب

The eye doesn't go higher than the brow. (No one can go above their status in life.)

المتعوس متعوس ولو ركبه على راسه فانوس

The miserable person will be miserable even if you hang a lantern on his head. (You can't escape your luck.)

لقّيني ولا اتغدّيني

Better a warm welcome than being invited to lunch. (Welcoming people warmly is important.)

ظرّط الإمام، خريوا المصلّين

The imam farted, so those praying behind him shitted. (A leader's errors are compounded by his followers.) Again, this saying uses crude language, so you should be careful who you say it around.

طبّاخ السمّ بيدوقه

One who cooks poison tastes it. (What goes around comes around.)

اللي يلاقي اللي يطبخ له لية يحرق صوابعه؟

Why should one who finds someone to cook for him burn his fingers? (Don't do your own dirty work if you can find someone to do it for you.)

اتغدّى بيه قبل ما يتعشّى بيك

Eat him for lunch before he eats you for dinner. (Kill him before he kills you; get your blow in first.)

القط مايحبش الا خناقه

The cat only likes its strangler. (People only respond to harsh treatment.)

الغاوي ينقط بطاقيته

The fan will donate his skullcap. (An enthusiast will give away everything he has for what he loves.)

الحركة بركة

Movement is a blessing. (Exercise is good.)

دبّور زنّ على خراب عشّه

A wasp that brought about the destruction of its own nest through its buzzing. (He asked for it, it was his own fault.)

تضرب القدرة على فمها تطلع البنت لأمها

Like mother, like daughter.

هاك الشبل من ذاك الأسد.

Similar to the above, used to describe someone's similarity to one of their parents.

"this cub (is) from that lion."

خسارة قريبة أحسن من مكسب بعيد

A loss soon is better than a victory much later. (It's better to cut your losses and admit defeat quickly rather than stick it out and eventually win a victory that cost you a lot.)

شحات ونزهي

A beggar but acting like a rich man. (Used to describe someone who's in no position to be picky but is still acting like he can set the terms of whatever bargain etc. is going on. Sort of like the equivalent of "Beggars can't be choosers," but in reverse.)

شحات وعايز رغيف

A beggar, and he wants a (whole) loaf. (If you're relying on other people's generosity, you should just be grateful for whatever you can get instead of complaining you didn't get more.)

حجة البليد مسح التختة

The bad student's excuse is erasing the blackboard. (Used to describe people who are trying to divert attention from their own failings by talking about other things.)

مصائب قوم عند قوم فوائده

Some people's disasters provide benefits for other people. (What is disastrous for some people can prove to be advantageous for other people.)

الجايات أحسن من الرايحات

What is coming is better than what is gone. (The future is better than what's past; used to cheer people up.)

لو حرف شعبطة في الجو

"If" is like trying to hold onto the air (i.e. something impossible). (The equivalent of

"If wishes were horses"; if someone is talking about what they'd do if they were a millionaire, or something else impossible, you can tell them the above proverb to remind them that just wishing for things is pointless.)

عمر الشقي بقي

The wicked or naughty live longer. (Can be used to hint that if you take risks, it'll pay off. Can also be used in a joking way; for example, if a friend was in a minor car accident and was uninjured, you could tell them this proverb.

وقع في شر أعماله

He got entangled in the evil of his own doings. (He was hoisted by his own petard fell into his own trap, was harmed by his own plan to harm someone else.)

المؤمن مصاب

The believer is afflicted. (The righteous always suffer.)

وقع في شر أعماله

The new sieve is taut. (A new broom sweeps clean.)

اسعى يا عبد وأنا أسعى معاك

Make an effort, and I'll make an effort [to help] you. (God helps those who help themselves.)

الفلوس مع التيوس

It's always the idiots who have [lots of] money. (Used to disparage the rich.)

المية تكدّب الغطاس

The water gives the lie to the diver. (The proof's in the pudding.)

الجهل نعمة

Ignorance is bliss .

كله عند العرب صابون

It's all the same thing to those who know nothing. Used if someone views different things as if they're all the same. (It's all soap to the Bedouins.)

العين بصيرة واليد قصيرة

The eye sees, but the arm is short (cannot reach). Said when someone wishes for something beyond his means.

القفة ام ودنين يشيلوها اتنين

A basket has two handles needs two people to carry it. (Many hands make light work.)

تأتي الرياح بما لا تشتهي السفن

Winds do not blow as the ships wish. (You can't always get what you want.)

المال السايب يعلم السرقة

Unattended money teaches thievery. (If you don't keep a close eye on your property, people will steal from you.)

ديل الكلب عمره مايتعدل

The dog's tail will never straighten out. (A leopard doesn't change its spots.)

اذا كان حبيبك عسل، ماتلحسوش كله

If your friend is honey, don't lick it all. (Don't take advantage of your friends.)

العجل لما يقع تكثر سكاكينه

When the calf falls, the knives come out. (When people sense that someone's vulnerable, they'll attack.) There's also a non-Egyptian variant, , referring to a camel instead of a calf.

الكفن مالوش جيوب

The shroud has no pockets. (You can't take it with you.)

صاحب بالين كداب وصاحب تلاتة منافق

Someone who tries to do two things at once is a liar, and someone who tries to do three things at once is a hypocrite. (You can't divide your effort between multiple things and do them well.)

مافيش حلاوة من غير نار

There's no dessert without fire (i.e. in the baking process). (You can't make an omelet without breaking a few eggs.)

الغالي تمنه فيه

You get what you pay for. (Expensive things are worth the price for their quality.)

إن سرقت، اسرق جمل، وإن عشقت، اعشق قمر

If you steal, steal a camel, and if you love, love (someone as beautiful as) the moon. (If you're going to do something, go all out.)

حاميها حراميها

Its protector is its thief. (Similar to "the fox guarding the henhouse," but not exactly the same. Used in reference to someone like a police officer or a government official, who should be protecting people, actually committing crimes, embezzlement, theft, etc. against them.)

القرعة بتتباهى بشعر بنت اختها

The bald woman boasts of her niece's hair. (Used to describe someone who brags about other people's accomplishments or abilities, in particular abilities that person lacks.)

حماتى مناقرة، قال طلق بنتها

[He said:] "My mother-in-law's a plague." Someone replied, "Divorce her daughter!" (Used in reference to someone complaining about a problem he can solve himself.)

دخول الحمّام مش زي خروجه

Entering a bathroom isn't like leaving it. (It's easier to get yourself into a situation than it is to get out of it.)

اتمسكن حتى تتمكّن

Pretend to be weak and submissive until you get your chance.

كل مشكلة ولها حل

Every problem has a solution.

الاعتراف بالحق فضيلة

Admitting it when someone else is right is a virtue.

ما خفي كان أعظم

What is (still) hidden is more than what has happened/been revealed so far. (This is just the tip of the iceberg.)

الساعي في الخير كفاعله

The person seeking to do good is (as good as) someone who (actually) does it. (Good intentions count for as much as good actions.)

افتح طيزك للضبان وقول دا قدر الرحمن

Open your ass to flies and say that it is the god's fate.

Fifth Group

المجموعة الخامسة

Words of Wisdom from Folk Culture

أمثال شهيرة من التراث الشعبي

Proverbs are usually concise phrases that give advice or state a truism. Proverbs can sound deep and wise, but it is the cultural context of proverbs that lend them meaning. Without context, these proverbs must be interpreted in light of your own personal experience.

Proverbs have been part of human culture for thousands of years. Some of those from China, Africa, and the Middle East, for example, were first coined long before the Roman Empire.

Some proverbs from other countries may sound familiar to you. It is common for countries to have their own versions of a proverb. For example, the Dutch proverb "Do not wake sleeping dogs" appears in the U.S. as "Let sleeping dogs lie." They mean the same thing. Here is a collection of famous proverbs from around the world.

African Proverbs

"A king's child is a slave elsewhere."

"What forgets is the ax, but the tree that has been axed will never forget."

"It is no shame at all to work for money."

"A loose tooth will not rest until it's pulled out."

"He who digs too deep for a fish may come out with a snake."

"The path is made by walking. "

Russian Proverbs

"Draw not your bow till your arrow is fixed."

"When the rich make war, it's the poor that die."

"When the cat is away, the mice will play."

"Many hands make light work."

"Be swift to hear, slow to speak."

Egyptian Proverbs

"We tell them it is a bull, they say milk it."

"Go far, you'll be loved more. "

"Do a good deed and throw it into the sea. "

"Time never gets tired of running. "

Bulgarian Proverbs

"Tell me who your friends are, so I can tell you who you are."

"The wolf has a thick neck because he does his job on his own."

"Measure thrice, cut once."

"Help yourself to help God help you."

Chinese Proverbs

"If you're poor, change and you'll succeed."

"Big fish eat small fish."

"No one knows a son better than the father."

"No shame in asking questions, even to people of lower status."

Croatian Proverbs

"The way it came is the way it will go."

"Hasten slowly."

"All that's well lasts short."

Dutch Proverbs

"Cost goes before the profit."

"Do not wake sleeping dogs."

"Every little pot has a fitting lid."

"Think before acting; and whilst acting, still think."

German Proverbs

" He who rests grows rusty."

"Starting is easy, persistence is an art."

"The cheapest is always the most expensive."

"Make haste with leisure."

Hungarian Proverb

"Who is curious gets old quickly."

English Proverbs

"When the going gets tough, the tough get going."

"The pen is mightier than the sword."

"The squeaky wheel gets the grease."

"No man is an island."

"People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones."

"Better late than never."

"Two wrongs don't make a right."

Australian Proverbs

"None are so deaf as those who would not hear."

"Once bitten, twice shy."

"Don't count your chickens before they're hatched."

"A bad worker blames his tools."

"In the planting season, visitors come singly, and in harvest time they come in crowds."

Sixth Group

المجموعة السادسة

Funny Wise Sayings

أقوال مضحكة

1. If you’re not living on the edge, you’re taking up too much room.

2. The problem with the gene pool is there's no lifeguard.

3. If you can smile when things go wrong, you already have someone to blame.

4. The older you are, the harder it is to lose weight, because your body and your fat have become good buddies.

5. Eat a small toad in the morning, and it will be the worst thing you do all day.

6. Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Hong Kong.

7. Law of the Bath: When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.

8. Never use a hatchet to remove a fly from your friend's forehead.

9. Whoever said money can’t buy happiness didn’t know where to shop.

10. On the subject of singing, the frog school and the lark school disagree.

11. Let not the sands of time get in your lunch.
- *National Lampoon*

12. Red meat is not bad for you. Fuzzy green meat is bad for you.

13. Money isn't everything, but it sure keeps the kids in touch.

14. Always remember you're unique. Just like everyone else.

15. Never pass up an opportunity to pee.

16. At the feast of ego, everyone leaves hungry.

17. Keep the dream alive. Hit the snooze button.

18. Being a couch potato is not the same as being a failure. Being a failure implies that you were actually trying to do something.

19. If you can't afford health insurance, you can always rely on the placebo effect.

20. When opportunity knocks, don't sit there complaining about the noise.

21. Rationalist philosophy: "I think, therefore I am."
Artist philosophy: "I doubt; therefore, I might be."
- *Greg Tamblyn*

22. Remember: If you don't sin, Jesus died for nothing.

23. Never look down on short people.
- *Greg Tamblyn*

24. Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.
- *Dave Barry*

25. Never play leapfrog with a unicorn.

26. If you don't go to other men's funerals, they won't go to yours.

27. Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

28. It's not whether you win or lose, but how you place the blame.

29. Learn from your parents' mistakes. Practice birth control.

30. Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks.

31. Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital dying of nothing.

32. Life isn't like a box of chocolates...it's more like a jar of jalapenos. What you do today might burn your butt tomorrow.

33. A man with both feet firmly on the ground is a man who can't get his pants off.

34. Teach a child to be polite and courteous in the home and, when he grows up, he'll never be able to edge his car onto a freeway.

35. No one is listening until you fart.

36. Never hold your farts in. They travel up your spine into your brain, and that's where your crappy ideas come from.

37. The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of the act.

38. Don't assume malice for what stupidity can explain.

39. Two wrongs are only the beginning.

40. The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.

Seventh Group

المجموعة السابعة

profound Arabic sayings that will clear your mind

أمثال عربية عميقة المعنى والدلالات

From a historical perspective, the Middle East was the cradle of civilization and remains unfathomably rich in its huge cultural heritage. With its warm colors, narrow streets, scorching sun, beautiful dresses, and caravans moving peacefully over the hot burning sands of the desert, it attracts anyone who is eager to learn the secrets of its ancient wisdom.

I decided to present you with some brilliant Arabic proverbs and sayings that express the philosophical thought, worldview, and morality of the Arab world.

- The way of safety is near even it takes a year.
- A man without a wife like a kitchen without a knife.
- Open your mouth only if what you are going to say is more beautiful than silence.
- An army of sheep led by a lion would defeat an army of lions led by a sheep.
- A single mistake ensures a double misfortune.
- The wise with a wink, the fool with a kick.
- Believe what you see and lay aside what you hear.
- Ask the experienced rather than the learned.
- With a sweet tongue and some kindness, you can drag an elephant by a hair.
- Winds blow counter to what ships desire.
- If you are an anvil, be patient; if you are a hammer, strike hard.
- Whoever seeks a faultless friend remains friendless.
- Sunshine all the time makes a desert.
- Stay away from evil, and instead sit and watch it.
- The necessary connection of movement and time is real, and time is something the soul constructs in movement.
- Keep a green tree in your heart, and perhaps a singing bird will come.

- Defeating pride makes you good. Overcoming anger makes you cheerful. Overcoming passion makes you successful. Overcoming greed makes you happy.
- No, one is fit to command another who cannot command himself.
- If you are afraid don’t do it; if you are doing it don’t be afraid!
- Victory shows what you’re capable of; defeat shows what you’re really worth.
- Don’t open a door that you won’t be able to close.
- Men who do not forgive women for their little faults will never enjoy their great virtues.
- If you reveal your secrets to the wind, you should not blame the wind for revealing them to the trees.
- If you can’t get it all, don’t leave a little.
- Appearance deceives.
- Two can do something together which is impossible for one to do alone.
- Much cry little wool.

Eighth Group

المجموعة الثامنة

The most important English proverbs

الأمثال الإنجليزية الأكثر شهرة

What are proverbs?

Every culture has a collection of wise sayings that offer **advice** about how to live your life. These sayings are called "proverbs".

How can you use proverbs to learn English?

It's good to know the really common English proverbs because you hear them come up in conversation all the time. Sometimes people say the entire proverb to give advice to a friend. More often, someone will say just part of a proverb like this:

You know what they say: when the going gets tough...

Learning proverbs can also help you to understand the way that people in English-speaking cultures think about the world.

Proverbs can also give you good **example sentences** which you can memorize and use as models for building your own sentences.

The most important English Proverbs

This is a list of some of the most important and well-known English proverbs. Below each one, there's a simple explanation.

The meanings of some of these phrases have shifted over the years, so a proverb might have originally had a different meaning than the one I explain.

1. "Two wrongs don't make a right."

When someone has done something bad to you, trying to get revenge will only make things worse.

2. "The pen is mightier than the sword."

Trying to convince people with ideas and words is more effective than trying to force people to do what you want.

3. "When in Rome, do as the Romans."

Act the way that the people around you are acting. This phrase might come in handy when you're traveling abroad notice that people do things differently than you're used to.

4. "The squeaky wheel gets the grease."

You can get better service if you complain about something. If you wait patiently, no one's going to help you.

5. "When the going gets tough, the tough get going."

Strong people don't give up when they come across challenges. They just work harder.

6. "No man is an island."

You can't live completely independently. Everyone needs help from other people.

7. "Fortune favors the bold."

People who bravely go after what they want are more successful than people who try to live safely.

8. "People who live in glass houses should not throw stones."

 Don't criticize other people if you're not perfect yourself.

9. "Hope for the best, but prepare for the worst."

 Bad things might happen, so be prepared.

10. "Better late than never."

 It's best to do something on time. But if you can't do it on time, do it late.

11. "Birds of a feather flock together."

 People like to spend time with others who are similar to them.

12. "Keep your friends close and your enemies closer."

 If you have an enemy, pretend to be friends with them instead of openly fighting with them. That way you can watch them carefully and figure out what they're planning.

13. "A picture is worth a thousand words."

 Pictures convey emotions and messages better than written or spoken explanations. That's why Phrase Mix has illustrations :)

14. "There's no such thing as a free lunch."

 Things that are offered for free always have a hidden cost.

15. "There's no place like home."

 Your own home is the most comfortable place to be.

16. "Discretion is the greater part of valor."

Sometimes it's important to know when to give up and run away, instead of always acting brave and maybe getting hurt.

17. "The early bird catches the worm."

You should wake up and start work early if you want to succeed.

18. "Never look a gift horse in the mouth."

If someone offers you a gift, don't question it.

19. "You can't make an omelet without breaking a few eggs."

When you try to do something great, you'll probably make a few people annoyed or angry. Don't worry about those people; just focus on the good results.

20. "God helps those who help themselves."

Don't just wait for good things to happen to you. Work hard to achieve your goals.

21. "You can't always get what you want."

Don't whine and complain if you don't get what you wanted.

22. "Cleanliness is next to godliness."

Be clean. God likes that.

23. "A watched pot never boils."

If something takes time to finish, don't watch it too closely because it will seem like it's taking forever.

24. "Beggars can't be choosers."

If you're asking for a favor from someone else, you have to take whatever they give you.

25. "Actions speak louder than words."

Just saying that you'll do something doesn't mean much. Actually doing it is harder and more meaningful.

26. "If it isn't broke, don't fix it."

Don't try to improve something that already works fairly well. You'll probably end up causing new problems.

27. "Practice makes perfect."

You have to practice a skill a lot to become good at it.

28. "Too many cooks spoil the broth."

When there are too many people trying to lead and give their opinions, it's confusing and leads to bad results. Jobs and projects should have one or two strong leaders.

29. "Easy come, easy go."

When you get money quickly, like by winning it, it's easy to spend it or lose it quickly as well.

30. "Don't bite the hand that feeds you."

If someone's paying you or helping you out, you have to be careful not to make them angry or say bad things about them.

31. "All good things must come to an end."

You can't keep having good luck or fun forever; eventually it will stop.

32. "If you can't beat 'them, join 'them."

When you try to change someone's behavior and it doesn't work, you might have to change instead. For example, if you're trying to get your classmates to focus on studying but they want to party, maybe you should just party with them.

33. "One man's trash is another man's treasure."

Different people have different ideas about what's valuable.

34. "There's no time like the present."

If you need to do something, don't wait until later. Do it now.

35. "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder."

Different people have different ideas about what's beautiful.

36. "Necessity is the mother of invention."

When you're really in need, you think of creative solutions to your problems.

37. "A penny saved is a penny earned."

Save your money. Saving money is just like making money.

38. "Familiarity breeds contempt."

When you're around someone for too long, you get tired of them and annoyed by them.

39. "You can't judge a book by its cover."

Things sometimes look different than they really are. A restaurant that looks old and small might have amazing food, for example.

40. "Good things come to those who wait."

Be patient. Eventually something good will happen to you.

41. "Don't put all your eggs in one basket."

Have a backup plan. Don't risk all of your money or time in one plan.

42. "Two heads are better than one."

When two people cooperate with each other, they come up with better ideas.

43. "The grass is always greener on the other side of the hill."

People tend to want whatever they don't have.

44. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Don't do mean things to people.

45. "A chain is only as strong as its weakest link."

If one member of a team doesn't perform well, the whole team will fail.

46. "Honesty is the best policy."

Don't lie.

47. "Absence makes the heart grow fonder."

Sometimes it's good to be away from your partner, because it makes you want to see each other again.

48. "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink."

If you try to help someone, but they don't take your advice or offers, give up. You can't force someone to accept your help.

49. "Don't count your chickens before they hatch."

Your plans might not work out, so don't start thinking about what you'll do after you succeed. Wait until you've already succeeded, and then you can think about what to do next.

50. "If you want something done right, you have to do it yourself."

Don't trust other people to do important things for you. You have to do things yourself to control the quality of the results.

Ninth Group

المجموعة التاسعة

ISAAC NEWTON QUOTES

أقوال إسحاق نيوتن

In the absence of any other proof, the thumb alone would convince me of God's existence.

Atheism is so senseless. When I look at the solar system, I see the earth at the right distance from the sun to receive the proper amounts of heat and light. This did not happen by chance.

Truth is ever to be found in simplicity, and not in the multiplicity and confusion of things.

My powers are ordinary. Only my application brings me success.

I can calculate the motion of heavenly bodies, but not the madness of people.

I do not know what I may appear to the world, but to myself I seem to have been only like a boy playing on the seashore, and diverting myself in now and then finding a smoother pebble or a prettier shell than ordinary, whilst the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me.

Genius is patience.

To every action there is always opposed an equal reaction.

We build too many walls and not enough bridges.

If I have seen further than others, it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants.

Tenth Group

المجموعة العاشرة

Wisdom Sayings and Quotes

حكم وأقوال الشعوب

Below you will find our collection of inspirational, wise, and humorous old wisdom quotes, wisdom sayings, and wisdom proverbs, collected over the years from a variety of sources.

A blind person who sees is better than a seeing person who is blind.

Iranian (on wisdom)

A crown's no cure for a headache.

English (on basic truths)

A new broom sweeps clean but an old broom knows the corners.

Virgin Islander (on friendship)

A proverb is a short sentence based on long experience.

American (on proverbs)

A proverb is one man's wit and all men's wisdom.

Lord John Russell (1792-1878)

All's well that ends well.

John Heywood (c.1497-1580)

Common sense is genius dressed in its working clothes.

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)

Deal with the faults of others as gently as your own.

Chinese Proverb

Economy is the wealth of the poor and the wisdom of the rich.

French (on thrift)

Even a fish wouldn't get into trouble if it kept its mouth shut.

Korean (on common sense)

Everything in moderation.

unknown

Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and he'll eat forever.

Chinese Proverb

He that respects himself is safe from others.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882)

He who flees at the right time can fight again.

Marcus Trentius Varro (c.116-27 BC)

He who has a way to live can bear almost any how.

Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900)

Health is better than wealth.

unknown

In bad things, be slow; in good things, be fast.

Afghan (on time and timeliness

Just because something is common sense doesn't mean it's common practice.

unknown

Justice is truth in action.

Benjamin Disraeli (1804-1881)

Life is a journey, not a destination.

Cliff Nichols, acrafts@wf.net

Life is what you make it.

Grandma Moses (1860-1961)

Live and let others live.

Dutch Proverb

Lost time is never found again.

Ben Franklin (1706-1790)

Money buys everything but good sense.

Yiddish (on money)

Nothing is impossible to the willing mind.

Books of the Han Dynasty

One head cannot hold all wisdom.

Maasai (East African) (on wisdom)

One should speak little with others and much with oneself.

Danish (on the conduct of life)

Out of sight, out of mind.

unknown

Plan your life at New Year's, your day at dawn.

Japanese (on planning)

Plan your life like you will live forever, and live your life like you will die the next day.

unknown, courtesy of Bryan Sullivan

Proverbs are the daughters of experience.

Sierra Leone

Silence is often misinterpreted but never misquoted.

unknown

The errors of a wise man make your rule rather than the perfections of a fool.

William Blake (1757-1827)

The more things change, the more they stay the same.

Alphonse Karr (1808-1890)

The truly rich are those who enjoy what they have.

Yiddish (on conscience)

The wise do as much as they should, not as much as they can.

French (on wisdom)

The wise understand by themselves; fools follow the reports of others.

Tibetan (on wisdom)

What's good for the goose is good for the gander.

John Ray "What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander."

When you say one thing, the clever person understands three.

Chinese (on wisdom)

Wisdom is easy to carry but difficult to gather.

Czech (on wisdom)

Wisdom is ofttimes nearer when we stoop than when we soar.

William Wordsworth (1770-1850)

Wisdom is to live in the present, plan for the future and profit from the past.

unknown

Wonder is the beginning of wisdom,

Greek Proverb

You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink.

John Heywood (c.1497-1580)

You can never plan the future by the past.

Edmund Burke (1729-1797)

You can only die once.

Portuguese Proverb

You have to take the bitter with the sweet.

unknown

Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night

ابدأ وتحت أي ظرف، لا تأخذ حبة منومة وحبة مسهلة في نفس الليلة

Better the devil you know than the devil you don't know

الجن الذي تعرف أفضل من الجن الذي لا تعرف

Arrogance diminishes wisdom

العجرفة والغرور والعنجهية تقضي علي الحكمة

If people are talking behind your back, be happy that you are the one in front

إذا تحدث الناس من وراء ظهرك فكن سعيدا لأنك أمامهم.

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